



# THE PLAGIARIST



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The Mid-Year Conference is going on this weekend, and it held attendance down, but we still had twenty-one members and guests show up, and we had a good time regardless. IPP Ingrid Huber was back as '*President for a Day*'. She opened the meeting in the usual manner; Karen Kramer delivered a fine Invocation, asking for the blessings of love. After the Pledge and our Patriotic Song, our guests and Past Leadership were introduced.

**Today's Guests:** Frank Kotnik introduced his wife/nurse Tina to lunch; Vin Arcuri had his aide Ola along; Barbara Adams joined her hubby Richie; SDPLG Bob Kueber treated his Valentine, DPLG Debbie.

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Our program today was a tribute to affairs of the heart, **Valentine's Day**. This program has a long history in our club. Back in the day, before women were permitted to be members of Kiwanis, it was known as "Ladies Day". Members would bring their wives, girlfriends, mothers, etc. to lunch, and they would receive gifts of flowers and candy. These days, with twenty-nine women members in our club, that notion seems to be rather quaint. Still, the holiday is worth celebrating, and Karen Kramer put together a nice program, and brought decorations and candy.

For many years, the President Elect was responsible for the program, and they presented many variations. In the past, we played the *Newlywed Game*, where couples would find out how much they actually knew about each other, often with hilarious results. This year, we played a game of *Valentine Bingo*. Everyone was given a bingo card with pictures of Valentine treats. Karen called the games, and awarded prizes to the winners.

She also presented some Valentine's Day trivia, which she affectionately called "Karen's Useless Information".

Among the more interesting tidbits:

- St. Valentine was a 3<sup>rd</sup> century Roman saint. Since the Middle Ages, his feast day has been associated with a tradition of courtly love. He is also a patron saint of epilepsy, and beekeepers.
- It was only in the 17<sup>th</sup> century that people started exchanging cards and letters with lovers and friends, and the first mass-produced Valentines cards happened in the 1840s. Ester Howland, known as "the Mother of the American Valentine", sold cards with lace and ribbons, and commercialized the holiday. Teachers receive the most cards, followed by children, mothers and wives.

- Nearly 250 million roses are grown in preparation for Valentine’s Day each year. Since the weather in February is too cold to grow roses, most are shipped to the US from Ecuador, Kenya and Columbia.
- A red rose symbolizes love, while pink roses symbolize happiness, purple symbolizes royalty and white symbolizes sympathy.
- Americans spend a lot of money on love. Over \$26 billion was spent on Valentine’s Day last year, an average of \$193 for a special someone.
- 27.6 million households give Valentine’s gifts to their dogs, and 17.1 million to their cats, to the tune of \$750 million.
- The first heart-shaped box of chocolates was introduced in 1861, created by Richard Cadbury to increase sales. Today, more than 36 million boxes and 58 million pounds of chocolate are sold each year.
- Arizona, Nebraska, Texas and Virginia each have a city called Valentine.

We had a wonderful time, and everyone raised Happy \$\$ for the holiday. We heard some interesting stories about dating and first kisses. DPP Len Licata was scheduled to serve as the Sheriff today, but was unable to attend. He sent a Happy 50 for the club, as well as the Sheriff’s Prize.

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**Club News:**

Congratulations to the winners of our **Super Bowl Fundraising Pool:**

1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr	Box #9	PDG Joe Aiello	\$100
Halftime	Box #2	DPLG Mike Miller	\$250
3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr	Box #52	Leah & Luke Kueber	\$100
Final	Box #86	Mike Bilski	\$1000

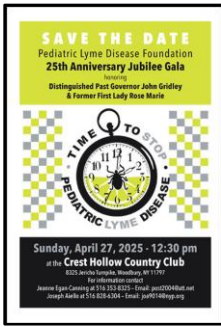
Thank you to all our Participants. A special thank you to JR for organizing the fundraiser.

DPLG Debbie had a Happy 20 for Luke and Leah’s win.

DPP Bruce Kramer announced that the winner of the **7-11 Pool** on the 7<sup>th</sup> was Mike Wyszinski. He won \$200, and donated a Happy 20 back.

DPP Bruce also reminded us about our next **Karaoke for a Cause** fundraiser. It will be held on Saturday, March 8 at 7:30pm, at the *Avenue Restaurant & Bar*, 71-22 Myrtle Avenue. Proceeds will support an arts and music scholarship in honor of President Kathleen O’Hara.





The **Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation**, one of NY District's major foundations, is celebrating 25 years of raising awareness and funding for medical treatment for children with this disease. They are hosting a gala on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm, at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury (site of our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Presidents Dinner). Tickets are \$125 each. Please consider supporting this worthwhile fundraiser, and honor DPG John Gridley and his First Lady Rosemary, for their 25 years of service to this cause.

- Sheriff:** Fran Cottone for DPP Len Licata, who provided the Attendance Prize.
- Invocation:** Karen Kramer
- Lunch Monitor:** JR Velepec
- 7-11 Pot Passer:** DPP Bruce Kramer
- 7-11 Winners:** Pat Helger, Luke (DPLG Debbie Kueber), Leah (DPLG Debbie Kueber again)
- Winner & Losers:** JR Velepec
- Losers:** Fran Cottone, Richie Adams, Ola and Pres Ingrid
- Winner:** DPP Teresa Donahue
- Pig Walker:** Richie Adams
- Happy \$:** 161
- Pig:** 40
- Next Meeting:** Wyckoff Update / **Girl Scouts**      **Next Sheriff:** Kathleen Lyons

### Calendar of Events

February 13 – 16	NY District Mid-Year Conference	@ Binghamton, NY	
February 18	Queens West Division Meeting	@ Atlas Park	7:00pm
February 20	Wyckoff Update / <b>Girl Scouts</b>	@ Züm Stammtisch	12:30pm
February 25	Board of Directors Meeting	@ Yerman's Pub	7:00pm
February 27	<b>German Day</b>	@ Züm Stammtisch	12:30pm
March 8	Karaoke for a Cause	@ the Avenue Bar	7:30pm
April 27	Pediatric Lyme Gala	@ Crest Hollow CC	12:30pm



We meet every Thursday, 12:30pm at:  
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